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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS FOR SULLIVAN FROM CHRISTOPHER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, IR

SUBJECT: GOI DISCOURAGEMENT OF DISSIDENT POLITICAL ACTION

REF: TEHRAN 3892

1. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT RECENT VIOLENCE IN IRAN, INCLUDING EVIDENCE OF STRONG-ARM TACTICS BY GOI. WE BELIEVE GOI SHOULD ITSELF BE CONCERNED OVER WIDESPREAD REPORTING IN US MEDIA OF THESE INDICATIONS OF UNREST IN IRAN.

2. I CONCUR IN YOUR PROPOSAL TO MAKE FORMAL REPRESENTATION ON SUBJECT TO PRIME MINISTER AS LOGICAL NEXT MOVE. RECENT GOI ACTIONS DO IN FACT SEEM TO GO WELL BEYOND SPIRIT OF WHAT AMOUZEGAR TOLD YOU EARLIER WOULD BE GOI REACTION TO OPPOSITION ACTIVITIES.

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3. RE YOUR QUERY, STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICER (SOBER) IN GREETING AMOUZEGAR ON LATTER'S ARRIVAL AT DULLES DID EXPRESS OUR CONCERN OVER REPORTED WIDESPREAD DEMONSTRATIONS AND VIOLENCE. AMOUZEGAR SOUGHT TO MINIMIZE SERIOUSNESS AND SAID GOI COULD HANDLE WITHOUT TOO MUCH DIFFICULTY. OCCASION WAS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR RAISING WITH HIM OUR CONCERN OVER GOI COUNTERACTIONS (YOUR MESSAGE THIS SUBJECT WAS

RECEIVED AFTER AMOUZEGAR'S ARRIVAL), NOR DID SUITABLE
OCCASION TO DO SO COME UP BEFORE HE DEPARTED. VANCE

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